

John Roney House
117 N. Sixth Street
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Philadelphia County
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Address: 117 N. Sixth Street, Philadelphia, Philadelphia County,
Pennsylvania.

Present Owner: Demolished July 1959.

Brief Statement
of Significance: An early 19th century row house.

PART I. HISTORICAL INFORMATION

A. Physical History

1. Original and subsequent owners: On May 25, 1807, John Roney, Tanner, acquired the site of this house, 16 feet 6 inches by 74 feet, from Absalom Joy "House Carpenter of the City of Washington and Territory of Columbia" [Deed Book IC 1, p. 245]. John Roney died intestate and, in a partition of his estate, the property passed (Dec. 6, 1848) to Thomas Roney, who the same day granted it to Mary Roney (Dougherty) [Deed Book GWC 2, pp. 55 & 75]. The property remained with the Doughertys (it passed to William R. Dougherty, Jr. by will of Mary dated Mar. 20, 1888) until 1920.
2. Date of erection: Between 1807 and 1848.
3. Architect, builder, suppliers etc.: Unknown.
4. Original plans, construction etc.: Unknown.
5. Notes on alterations and additions: Unknown, store front probably not original.
6. Important old views and references:
Views: None known.
References: City Records of Philadelphia.

B. Historical Events Connected with the Structure: None of importance known.

C. Likely Sources Not Yet Investigated: Fire Insurance Survey, Mutual Assurance Company, Policy 3823.

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PART II. ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

A. General Statement

1. Architectural Character: An example of the brick row house of the early 19th century.
2. Condition of Fabric: Demolished July 1959.

B. Technical Description of Exterior

1. Overall dimensions: Unknown.
2. Foundations: Unknown.
3. Wall construction: Brick, west elevation laid in Flemish bond.
4. Porches, stoops, bulkheads etc.: Stone stoops before entrance and alley.
5. Chimneys: One brick chimney at south party wall; presence of others unknown.
6. Openings
 - a. Doorways and doors: Glazed doors to entrance and to former alley.
 - b. Windows and shutters: Two, 6/6 double hung windows per floor not original.
7. Roof
 - a. Shape, covering: Gable roof, ridge parallel to street.
 - b. Cornice, eaves: Boxed wood cornice across front.
 - c. Dormers: One gable roofed dormer faces west, with one 6/6 double hung window; presence of others unknown.

C. Technical Description of Interiors

1. Floor Plans: Unknown.
2. Stairways: Unknown.
3. Flooring: Unknown.
4. Wall and ceiling finish: Unknown.
5. Doorways and doors: Unknown.
6. Trim: Unknown.
7. Hardware: Unknown.

8. Lighting: Unknown.

9. Heating: Unknown.

D. Site

1. General setting and orientation: House faces west, one of a row of buildings on the east side of Sixth Street.

2. Enclosures: None.

3. Outbuildings: None.

4. Walks, driveways etc.: None.

5. Landscaping, gardens etc.: None.

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